GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:102
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2016
Smart Railway Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up special railway stations/networks under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the cities and railway stations proposed to be selected under the scheme;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to make the railway stations smart in the smart cities of the country and if so, the details of the plan and funds earmarked for the purpose;

(d) the names of cities and the railway stations identified in the first phase for converting into smart ones under the smart cities project in the country; and

(e) the details of facilities/activities to be made available in smart stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.102 BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND AND SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2016 REGARDING SMART RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Railways does not intend to set up special railway stations/networks under AMRUT. However, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been recently entered into between Ministry of Railways (MOR) and Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD) for integrated planning of redevelopment of railway stations in the cities included in the 'SMART Cities' and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme. This would lead to an integrated public transit hub around the railway stations and encourage Transit Oriented Development.
Each Smart City has incorporated a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to execute the Smart City Plan. The SPV may form a joint venture company with an MOR-designated entity to implement railway station redevelopment projects in that city and in its suburbs.
Another form of joint venture could be between the MOR designated entity, the Smart City SPV and the National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), a Public Sector Undertaking under MOUD.
The names of the stations proposed to be developed under this scheme are not yet finalized.
The facilities proposed in a redeveloped station in smart cities include congestion free non-conflicting entry/exit to the station premises, segregation of arrival/departure of passengers, adequate concourse without overcrowding, integration of both sides of the city wherever feasible, integration with other modes of transport systems e.g. Bus, Metro, etc., user friendly international signage, well illuminated circulating area and sufficient provision for drop off, pick up & parking etc.
Such redevelopment of stations is planned through leveraging of commercial development of land in and around stations and therefore, no funds have been earmarked for the purpose.
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